does not specifically refer to mining of minerals from sea-bed.

Ground Water Resources

1116. SHRI KALPANATH RAI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate was made of the ground water resources of the country;

(b) Whether the above potential has so far been exploited for irrigation, drinking water and other purposes; and

(c) if so, what plans have been formulated for further exploitation of the above resources ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The annual replenishable ground water resourses of the country have been assessed as 42 million hectare metres (mham). Of this about 10 mham had been exploited upto the end of VI Plan for irrigation, drinking water and other uses.

(c) The VIIth Plan envisages further aceleration in the survey and exploration activities relating to ground water to create additional irrigation potential of 7.1 m. ha. and for meeting the demand for water for drinking and industrial uses.

Transit Camps for Jhuggi dwellers

1117. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to abandon its programme of transit camps for jhuggi dwellers ; and

(b) if not, the number of such camps built during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Pending Crop Insurance claims

1118. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of crop insurance claims are pending in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to clear the claims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total indemnity claims which were intimated to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) amounted to Rs. 101 crore. Out of this, claims to the extent of Rs. 20 crore in respect of Gujarat were disallowed. Out of the balance claims of Rs. 81 crore, claims to the extent of Rs. 76 crore have already been settled. The balance Rs. 5 crore are likely to be settled soon.

दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो सुविधा

1119. **श्री मीर्जा इशदिबेग :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कितने राज्य हैं जिनमें दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो की सुविधा